Colorado Medicaid Children's Dental Benefits

Comprehensive dental services are a Colorado Medical Assistance program benefit for Medicaid clients ages 20 and under. County outreach coordinators can assist the family in finding a local dental provider and in making and following up on appointments. A link of <u>active county coordinators</u> can be found on the Department's Web site.

Who is eligible for dental services?

• Children ages 20 and under who are enrolled in state Medicaid services.

What services are covered under the state plan?

- Children on Medicaid are entitled to preventive services including exams, cleanings, x-rays, sealants, space maintainers and fluoride treatments.
- Restorative procedures such as amalgam and tooth colored fillings, crowns, root canals, gum and oral surgery procedures are available to children ages 20 and under. On certain procedures, the dentist must receive approval from Medicaid before providing these services.
- Orthodontic benefits (braces) may be available in the case of a child with a severe bite problem.
- There are no additional costs to the clients for dental services.

What adult dental services are available?

- The services for Medicaid clients age 21 and older are limited to emergency treatment for oral cavity conditions and treatment for clients with allowable concurrent medical conditions.
- Adult clients age 21 and older are eligible for emergency treatment if the client presents with an acute oral cavity condition that requires hospitalization and/or immediate surgical care.
- Emergency treatment provided to an adult client includes: immediate treatment or surgery to repair trauma to the jaw; reductions of any fracture of the jaw or any facial bone, including splints or other appliances use for this purpose; extraction of tooth or tooth structures associated with the emergency treatment of a condition of the oral cavity; repair of traumatic oral cavity wounds; and anesthesia services ancillary to the provision of emergency treatment.
- Allowable concurrent medical conditions are: neoplastic disease requiring chemotherapy and/or radiation; pre and post organ transplant; pregnancy; and a chronic medical condition in which there is documentation that the medical condition is exacerbated by the condition of the oral cavity.

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